



## **West Virginia Senate**

### **Committee on Government Organization**

**Minutes for MARCH 25, 2021, 2:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 25, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Maroney, Martin, Nelson, Smith, Stover, Sypolt, Woodrum, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **S.B. 508 – Relating to public records management and preservation fees**

Paige Wantlin, Committee Intern, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 508 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

#### **S.B. 641 – Allowing counties to use severance tax proceeds for litter cleanup programs**

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 641 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

#### **S.B. 635 – Requiring State Fire Commission propose rules for sprinkler protection in basements of certain buildings (CF)**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Kenneth Tyree, WV State Fire Marshal, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 635 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

#### **S.B. 543 – Establishing Chuck Yeager Mountain State Medal of Excellence**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and

adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 543 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 360 – Allowing poll workers to work half days**

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 360 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S.B. 622 – Increasing compensation for elected county officials (PC)**

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Jonathan Adler, Executive Director, WV Association of Counties, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) With leave of the committee, Jennifer Piercy, Executive Director, WV County Commissioner's Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) Senator Sypolt asked unanimous consent to refer the committee substitute to the Committee on Finance. Senator Woodrum moved to amend the bill. On motion of Senator Swope, the bill was laid over with Senator Woodrum's amendment pending.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.



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Mark R. Maynard, Chair



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Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk



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Testimony taken this 25 day of March, 2021, in  
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

Kenneth E Tyree Jr  
Print Witness Name

[Signature]  
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard  
Print Member Name

[Signature]  
Sign Member Name



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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Jonathan Adler

Print Witness Name

Isabel Keninson

Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

Print Member Name

Mark R. Maynard

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Jennifer Percy

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